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THURSDAY, August 17, 1871.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder W. A. Pool, from II Cor., IV: 5.

After a short recess the Association was called to order, and opened by prayer—Elder J. B. Marsh leading, and Elder R. L. Steele acting Moderator.

Letters were read from twelve churches, from which the statistical tables appended hereto were compiled.

The Association then organized by electing R. L. Steele, Moderator, and G. D. Sherrill, Clerk.

On motion, the Clerk read the By-laws of the Association.

On motion, offered invitation to corresponding delegates, which was accepted by Elder Wm. Pool and Bro. Isaac Russel from the Lewis Fork, and Elder J. B. Marsh, and Brother B. Ingram, from the Yadkin.

On motion, invitation was offered to transient ministers, and accepted by Elder W. R. Gaultney, from Mt. Zion, Elder J. K. Howell, from Kings Mountain, and Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Standing Committees as follows:

On Devotional Exercises.—The Pastor and delegates of Taylorsville Church.

On the Order of Business.—Elders S. Furguson, A. Johnson, I. Oxford, J. McNeil, I. N. Heyns, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Missions.—Elder William Church.

On Education.—Elder W. A. Pool.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elder J. W. Thomas.

On Periodicals.—Elder J. McNeil.

On Temperance.—Elder I. H. West.

On the State of Religion.—Elders I. R. Sherrill, W[illegible]n, and and G. D. Sherrill.

On the Condition of the U. B. Institute.—[illegible]. Greene and E. C. Harrington.

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At 2 O'clock P. M. Met and opened with prayer by S. Furguson
The Com. on Sabbath Schools submitted the following

Report on Sabbath Schools.

The time has come when all intelligent persons should be alive to the great importance of this subject.

Past history, the columns of our religious papers, our own experience combine to assure us that great and lasting good has been and may still be accomplished by means of Sabbath schools. They afford the most favorable opportunities for instilling into the mind of youth the precious truths, commandments and precepts of the Bible. The good that might be accomplished in Sabbath Schools is beyond human conception. Therefore, good brethren, we plead with you in behalf of all that is sacred and good, not only to maintain and prosper the Sabbath Schools of your own churches, but also to remember the places around you which are destitute of their salutary effects, and try to have them established every where. And then, by connecting prayer-meetings with the Sabbath School exercises, many a precious young gift might be brought into public exercise that might otherwise remain dormant. The Sabbath School cause is a fertile field—a field in which every Christian can work—a field "white already to harvest," "but the laborers are few," in comparison to what they should be.

I. W. THOMAS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Education submitted their

Report on Education.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to offer the following report:

We earnestly commend to the consideration of the Association the great question of Education. We should be very thankful that this great boon is placed within our reach.

We commend to your patronage the United Baptist Institute, at Taylorsville, and W. F. College as a school of high grade.

We would not loose sight of the great object the Board of Education has in view, of educating young ministers. There can be nothing of more vital importance to us as a demnomination than an educated ministry. Neither would we loose sight of the great importance of Female education. It is to be regretted, that there are not more schools of high grade of this kind. Nevertheless, let us press on—set our marks high and press to them, and we shall reap a glorious reward.

W. A. POOL, Chairman.

After a discussion of the subject with great feeling and interest by Elders Pool, McNeil, Wingate, Hufham, Gaultney, Sher-

rill and others the report was adopted, and a collection was taken for the immediate benefit of any beneficiaries who may be received by the Board of Education of W. F. College, as members of this association amounting to fourteen dollars and thirty-five cents, which was handed to Elder J. D. Hufham.

It was then suggested by Elder Gaultney that the churches represented in the association be asked to raise during the year, a sum amounting, in the aggregate, to twelve cents to each member, for the special purpose of supporting one beneficiary, to be hereafter named. Elder McNeil moved to ascertain the sense of the body, and the vote carried in favor of the proposition, when, on motion, the moderater oppointed Elders Pool and McNeil a committee to visit the churches in person or by letter with a view of stimulating them to more liberal contributions in favor of our beneficiaries.

The following report was then submitted:

Report on Periodicals.

A well conducted religious newspaper is needful to every christian and to every family. It keeps us informed in regard to the progress of God's Kingdom on the earth; scatters abroad a knowledge of our principles; makes us acquainted with our brethren in other parts of the country, and so draws us near together. It is also an excellent educator.

In the Biblical Recorder we have all that we want as a religious and family newspaper. It should go into every family in all our churches.

The Home and Foreign Journal, published monthly, should be read by our people, that they may know the progress of the missionary enterprise in our own land and in other lands.

Kind Words, our child's paper, is worthy of commendation and support as a Sunday School paper.

J. McNEIL, Chairman.

After remarks by Elders Wingate and Hufham, showing the great benefits to be expected from a wide circulation of religious papers and journals, the report was adopted.

The Devotional Committee reported Elder J. D. Hufham to preach in the Baptist church-house to-night. Elder W. M. Wingate in the Presbyterian house to-morrow, at 11 A. M., and Elder R. H. Moody in the Methodist house, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer, Brother G. W. Greene, leading.

SATURDAY, August 19, 1871.

Met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and spent one hour in prayer-meeting, conducted by Elder I. Oxford.

The Association was then called to order and proceeded to business.

The minute of yesterday was read and approved.

The Committee on the State of Religion made the following

Report on the State of Religion.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that while the enemy of truth is ever busy endeavoring to spread the pall of darkness and enthusiasm over the pathway of Gospel light, that there is yet an element at work, which is slowly but steadily bringing the membership of the churches up to a higher sense of religious obligation. It is to be deplored that so many of our church-members fail to do their whole duty, as disciples of the Lord Jesus. But though the prospect is for a better state of affairs, in regard to christian duty, yet the element at work is, in this country, in its incipient state, and much needs every Scriptural encouragement, lest we should fail, (in part at least,) to produce that high tone of religious character, contemplated in the Word of God, and so much desired by all truly evangelical christians.

J. R. SHERRILL, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on the United Baptist Institute presented the following:

Report on the UNITED BAPTIST INSTITUTE.

We are glad to learned that the United Baptist Institute is giving evidence of life and vigor under the directions of its untiring Principal, Brother J. T. Deanes.

We are all aware of the importance of a high school of learning in our midst; and we are sorry to say that this Institute has been greatly neglected by at least a majority of Baptists in this section.

This school does not belong to this Association, but equally to them and all other Baptist in this surrounding country. We wish to disabuse the minds of all the brethren on this point. The brethren of other associations seem to be waiting for this association to take hold of the school, while this association is waiting and asking for co-operation upon the part of the sister associations. The result is, the Board of Trustees has been at a loss how to act, and the Institute has been neglected. The old maxim, "What is everybody's business, soon becomes nobody's business," has been verified in this matter.

The patronage last session was tolerably good, but not what it should have been. The Principal, being every way an efficient teacher, as well as a worthy brother among us; the favorable situation of the Institute, and the great need of a high school in

our denomination, all demand and require large patronage upo our part as Baptists.

We, therefore, suggest, as a thing of most importance, tha the Board of Trustees be revised and reorganized; or that th several association appoint a delegation to meet in convention an appoint a new Board of Trustees, with a view of creating a mor lively interest in this important matter.

The building needs some repairs which would cost about sev enty-five (75.00)dollars; also the Principal needs some apparatu the cost of which we can not exactly ascertain, but we suppose small sum.

In view of the cause and the principles we love we must no let this Institution go down.

W. A. POOL, Chairman.

A collection was then taken up, to be used in buying an apparatus above-named Institute amounting to thirty-two (32.25) dollars and twenty-five cents. The report was adopted. Also the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we will stand by and sustain Brother Deanes in his efforts to keep up a school of high order; that we will aid him in repairing the Institute, and purchasing an apparatus; and that we cordially invite our sister associations to aid in this work.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Report on Finance.

Contributed by the Churches, - - -	$21.05
Received from Treasurer, - - - -	90
	$21.95

The Treasurer of last session of this body reported:

Received of Finance Committe, - - -		$24.50
" " J. McNeill (a remnant of the Book-fund,) - - - - - - - -		2.50
Clerk's compensation, - -	4.00	
Cost of printing minutes, - -	18.50	
Postage, - - - - -	1.10	
In hand of Treasurer, - -		3.40

On motion the $2.50 belonging to the Book-fund was appropriated for printing minutes.

The Committee on Temperance offered the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a *fruit of the Spirit*, and should be preached from the stand and practiced in our lives, at the same time connecting with it all other Christian graces, which, like it are fruits of the Spirit. We have often spoken out on this subject; yet the warfare goes on. Let us still show ourselves strictly temperance Christians. J. H. WEST, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

The Corresponding delegates, sent to the different associations, reported and were discharged. The Moderator then appointed correspondents for this year as follows:

To the Catawba River.—Elders I. Oxford, G. D. Sherrill, J. B. Powell, D. B. Brown, I. Smith.

Brier Creek.—Elders W. A. Pool, I. W. Thomas and Bro. W. T. Davis.

To Lewis Fork.—Elders J. McNeil, W. A. Pool, Wm. Church and brethren A. Eller, P. Walsh and F. P. Curtis.

The following resolutions were unaninously adopted:

WHEREAS, This and the Lewis Fork Association both lie within the same territory, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the United Baptist Association propose to the Lewis Fork a *union* of the two bodies in one.

Resolved, That if the Lewis Fork Association accede to this proposal, that then the churches of this Association are advised to meet them by delegation at such time and place as they may appoint, with the view to effect said union.

Appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention; Elders J. McNeil, W. A. Pool, R. L. Steele, I. Oxford, I. W. Thomas, J. B. Greene and brethren J. L. Davis, J. J. Perlear.

Elder Hufham, by permission, took up a collection to aid in building a preaching chapel at Brother Yates Mission Station at Shanghai, China, amounting to seven (7.20) dollars and twenty cents.

On motion appointed a Ministers' and Deacons' meeting, to be held with the New Hope Church, to commence Friday before the 5th Sunday in October next, inviting attendance from all the churches in reach.

At the request of the Board, it was agreed that the Prospectus of Wake Forest College be printed on the back of these minutes.

Appointed the next session of this body to be held with Sulphur Springs Church, six miles east of Taylorsville, to commence on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1872. Elder I. N.

Heynes to preach the Introductory. Elder J McNeill, his alte nate.

On Motion appointed the Clerk to secure printing, and low him four dollars for services.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That our hearty thanks are hereby tendered to th brethren and friends of this village and country for their hospi talities and kindness to us. And also to the Presbyterian and Methodist brethren for the use of their houses of worship, during the meeting.

The Association then adjourned to time and place appointed.

Statistical Table, Compiled from Letters.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismiss'd by Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Dismiss'd by Excluded.	Dismiss'd by Deceased.	Total.	Meetings.
Taylorsville,	G. D. Sherrill,	Taylorsville,	E. C. Harrington, W. C. Greene,						1	33	3rd Sun.
Cub Creek,	J. McNeill,	Wilksboro,	J. J. Perleer, F. P. Curtis H. H. Jones,	7		1	2			66	Sat. befor 2nd Sun.
New Hope,	J. McNeill,	Perlear's Creek,	Phillip Walsh, A. Eller, M. M. McGlamerly,	8	1	2	1	1	1	112	4th Sat.
Bethel,	A. Johnston,	Jefferson,	Amos Baw,					1		50	
Sulphur Springs,		Taylorsville,	I. W. Thomas, J. L. Davis, G. W. McIntosh,	1	10					90	1st Sat.
Concord,		Taylorsville,	W. W. Abernethy,	5	2		5	1		67	
Lower Creek,	J. B. Powell.	Lenoir,	F. P. Clarke, A. C. Sherrill, Van Teague, Greene Moore, S. J. Sherrill,	15	2		16	13	2	198	2nd Sat.
Dudley Shoal,	S. Ferguson,	Hickory Tavern,	T. C. Sherrill, D. W. Presnel, P. J. Shell,		1		3	1	1	26	2nd Sat.
Sardis,	J. R. Sherrill, D. B. Brown,	Lenoir,		11	1		2			85	4th Sat.
Buffalow,	A. Johnston,	Jefferson,	A. Treadway, M. Campbell, C. J. Hodgson,		6	1	3	1		47	4th Sat.
Center,	G. D. Sherrill,	Little River,	E. C. Oxford, Wilson West,			1	1	1		17	2nd Sat.
Oak Forest.	J. McNeill.	Wilksboro.	E. Staley, J. A. Staley,		2			1		22	2nd Sat.

The following ministers present were recommended by their respective churches as delegates, ex-officio:—Taylorsville:—I. Oxford, S. Ferguson; Cub Creek:—J. McNeil; Bethel:—Wm. Church, A. Johnston; Sulphur Springs:—W. A. Pool, R. L. Steele, J. B. Greene; Lower Creek:—G. D. Sherrill; Sardis:—I. R. Sherrill; Center:—J. H. West; Oak Forest:—I. N. Heynes.